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SECRETARY CHAPMAN NAMES A. W. ANDERSON TO DFA POST

Secretary of the Interior Oscar L. Chapman announced today that Andrew W. Anderson, Chief of the Fish and Wildlife Service's Branch of Commercial Fisheries, has been designated as Deputy Administrator of the Defense Fisheries Administration.

Mr. Anderson will assume these new duties in addition to his present assignment for the duration of the DFA program. Milton C. James, who retired as Assistant Director of the Service on March 31, served as DFA Deputy Administrator from its formation until his retirement.

Under a reorganization of DFA effected in December 1951, Mr. Anderson took on additional duties as Chief of the Office of Operations in the defense fisheries organization and assumed responsibility for much of DFA's functional activities.

Mr. Anderson has had long and varied experience in both commercial fishing and in Federal fisheries work. A graduate of the College of Fisheries of the University of Washington, he worked for eight years in the commercial fish meal and oil industry and designed and supervised the erection of reduction plants in California, Norway, Iceland, and Hawaii.

In 1930 he joined the Service as a statistical and marketing agent in the Middle Atlantic States. Later he worked on technological problems, chiefly concerned with the utilization of by-products in the Service laboratories at Gloucester, Mass., and Seattle, Wash. In 1937 he was transferred to the Washington headquarters office where he organized the Service's fishery market news service which, through a Nationwide reporting system, keeps the industry informed on the production, shipments, sales, storage, and imports of fishery products. In August 1943 he succeeded Reginald H. Fiedler as Chief of the Branch of Commercial Fisheries.

Mr. Anderson has served as fishery advisor on the United States delegations to the annual FAO Conferences since 1945. He was also a United States delegate representing the Department of the Interior interests at the Havana Conference which developed the constitution for ITO; served as United States delegate to the FAO Conference in Baguio which established the Indo-Pacific Fisheries Council; and is Department of the Interior representative on the FAO Inter-Agency Committee.

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